NO ONE CAN STATE

The Ruin by High Water Almost incalculable

MAD WRECK OF THE FLOODS

Valuable Property Swept Away, Little Mage for Crops, and Some Loss of Life Reported.

never proceeded. Hundreds have been abandoned and the cattle destroyed is expected ato the thousands.

abankment, which is dealt vigorswe by the rapidly flowing cursas in many places been underand no trains have been run
to track for thirty-six hours. It
ed that two St. Louis peddlers
frowned early Sunday morning
Morrisses river, but their names
not be learned. At Foster's
4,000 acres of fine farming land
board with 8 heef of water and all
of raining a crop this year has
riven up.

iven up.

Marrowly Encaped Boath.

Mullanphy island, 26 miles north.

Louis in the Missouri river, fourromen and children were rescued. natery grave Sunday mon unteer corps of St. Louis liad the rescuers been two hours they would have found only dead a as the water was rapidly enting on the small section of land thich the party stood shivering and also dead, and here they had been for after being driven from their by the flood.

in North St. Louis have seen sev-ed bodies floating in the water. of them have evidently some a

and if is gives way, whi are now about 5,000 acres of and meadows under water in unty. Large herds of cattle on driven to the hills and fam-

e are moving out.

amouna, Ill., May 18.—The embankamouna, Ill., May 18.—The embanknt of the Conforme Railroad Company,
nt 200 feet long, has given way and
town is flooded to the depth of serlinet. No lives have been lost, but
rge amount of damage has been

Crops Will Be Bulned.

FRITERALL, Ill., May 1d.—Commencpat Happywile, 8 miles west of this Illinois river extends from to bluff, a distance of all miles, area of overflowed land in this y alone is fully 78,000 scree, ball lich has been in cultivation for No crops of any kind will be ser on this land this season.

Benger lacrossing at St. Louis.
Louis. May 18.—At 6 o'clock the river here registered 35 feet. in every probability that much damage will be done by the fleeds as both the Mississippi and Misrivers are reported to be still above here.

Break in the Leves.

OREGANS, May 16.—Bonnet levee, is miles above the city on at bank of the river, broke at 3

continuous rain and a cloudburst contern part of the county caused ridge to go out and the lowlands soded. A Danish family, consist-the man, wife and child, attempt-cross a bridge just before is went. The bridge gave way while were on it and all were drawned. Immage to seed to the ground is some. Pine creak ruse 7 feet in one

Outpare, May 16.—The citua-ng the Mississippi river south of any continues to be serious and

surrounding streams are full the whole section will go under water with an-paralleled rapidity and to an unusual

EARSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—The river comes down with a current that bears all before it, and it has so filled all the country that from 600 to 700 houses are now aurrounded by water in the towns of Armourinis and Assentine. The rising of the water was so slow that all were warned of its coming in time to get away and no one has been in danger of life. Many institute are told of narrow emanes, but they were where people risked their lives for the sake of saving property. From the points slong the Eassas and Miscouri, both above and below here, there are stories of suffering.

into the water and the owner and family only escaped after drifting until daylight.

The river is coming with such force that it cuts into the bends as if the water was sent from a hydraulic ram and the result is that many valuable farms have been almost destroyed, while the crises of Leavenworth and St. Joseph are in danger of being left a mile away from the river. The farm of James Leaven, south of Atchison, has been washed away until only a few of the 300 acres are left to the owner.

The cituation as it presents itself is that the rise has done all the damage that can be looked for now, but it has so awellen the rivers that the June rise will go higher than it has ever gone before, unless it be the big flood of 1844. At that time the water steed 13 feet deep where the Union depot of this city now stands. The mometary loss of this flood so far is calculated in the immediate vicinity of Kaness City to be over \$100,000, not counting the damage to farms which have been rendered useless for the time being. So far as heard from the loss of life has been very small and there are only three authenticated deaths attributed to the flood within 100 miles of this city. It will be at least two weeks before the water will

October. The record of the year just closing has been a most satisfactory one, notwithstanding that the beach has, for a great pertian of the time, consisted of only erven active members. The record is particularly notable for the large number of important cases decided. These included questions affecting the validity of the McKinley tariff law; the wereted classification act; involving the right of the speaker of the house of representatives to count a quorum; the Chinese exclusion act, relating to the requirement that Chinese merchanis returning to the United States should others. Last year the cases filed num bered 1,777, of which 610 were dispose bered 1,777, of which 610 were disposed of. The record of that year, in respect to the number of cases disposed of, is unequaled in the history of the court. But the result was due largely to the decision of Chinese exclusion and Smokehouse lode mining cases, eighty-nine of which went off the docket at one time. The number of cases on the docket for this year on Saturday last was 1,566. The number disposed of at that time was 454.

WASHINGTON. May 16.—The payments of sugar bounty under the McKinley bill on account of the production for the present fiscal year have been practically completed. The bounty amounted to about \$7,500,000. The estimate for the ensuing fiscal year is

Course Camers, Ten., May 14.—John T. Parker has been contenced to nine-ty-nine years' imprisonment in the pen-itentiary for the murder of City Mar-shel Musett. Four days were spent in securing a jury, while the actual trial occupied but four hours.

Fatal Fall in a Miss. TELLURIDE, Col., May 10.—At Marshal Basin Anthony Berry made a misstep and plunged to the bottom of the shaft in the Union mine. He was terribly crushed, having struck on his head, and lived but a short time.

CROAN RAPIDS, In., May 16.-This nning Robert Scutter, only child et B. Scutter, of the firm of T. M. Sinclair & Co., pork packers, while riding horseback was struck by an electric car and instantly killed.

Throw Herself Descents o Train-ROCHESTER, N. H., May 16.—Mrs. Thomas Dowing, of this place, commit-ted suicide by throwing herself beneath a railroad train. Domestic trouble is given so the cours for the minide.

BARABOO, Win. May 16.—H. P. Jones, the leading clothing merchant of this place, has made an endgament. Linbilities about \$16,000; assets, \$15,000.

MADISON, Win., May 16.—Levi Brosse, manager of the Capital brace, has accigned; assets, \$5,000. The creditors are many and individual debts small.

Pertabed in as Oll Works Fire. Suntus, May 14. — The Valless off works have been destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$,000,000 marks. Two

Bentin, May 16.—An international exhibition of clocks and watches in planned to take place of Stattgark, to segm on May 1, 1600, and to last to the

HE DID NOT THINK

And a Frightful Disaster Results in Ohio

FORGETFULNESS THE CAUSE

Two Trains Collide Near Cleves and Five Persons Lose Their Lives-Several Others Hurt.

Smith, who efficiates for the Big Four railroad at Cleves, O., 15 miles from this city, made a mistake Sunday mornthis city, made a mistake Sunday morning. He forgot a change that had been made in the running time of a local passenger train, and the result was that five men were killed, two fatally injured and six worded mere or less

a change of time which took effect Sunday. The Sunday morning Aurora (Ind.) accommodation has been due here at \$:16 and the change brought it to Cincinnati at \$:16, one hour earlier. The freight train crew who left Cincinnati with a locomotive and twenty or more freight cars at 7 o'clock Sunday morning had been notified of the change of time and so had Station Agent Smith, of Cleves Just before the freight reached Cleves Engineer Edwards whistled for orders from the station. The block signal system is in use on the road, and Agent Smith, forgetting for the time being the instructions he had received regarding the change in the time of the Aurora accommodation, adjusted the Aurora accommodation, adjusted the block signal so as to notify the freight engineer that the track, which is a single one at that point, was clear for him to the next station west. The freight was running at least 20 miles an hour, and Engineer Edwards, seeing the signal, kept dashing on.

Remembered When It was Too Late.

wounded and dying.

Local physicians were summored and
as soon as word reached this city wreckas soon as word reached this city wrecking parties were sent out with surgeons. The dead were taken from the debris and all the bedies found to have been badly scalded. The bedies are still at Glove's awaiting the acrival of relatives. Schrader and Terrill were given every possible attention by the railread officials and surgeons, but the latter assert that neither can live.

Station Agent Smith admits having forgotten the change of time and says that had he remembered one minute seems than he did the suckient would not have happened. It is probable that he will be arrested and charged with manufampter. Fortunately there were

"Honey" Keefe, a freight brakeman, had just reached the top of a car when the collision occurred. The crash was so terrible that he was thrown over a so terrible that he was thrown over a telegraph wire 40 Sept Into a stream of water, which saved his life. He thinks there are at least three tramps under the wreck of the freight train. The property lose will be \$100,000. Both angines are complete wrecks, and the coaches of the express train are ruined. It is said much suluphie mail and express matter is lest. A dozen freight care loaded with coally goods are a tetal lose.

One Ettled; Several Hurt.

Hassnerows, Md., May 18.—A train on the Norfolk & Western road was wreeked 11 miles from here at 1 o'clock wreeked 11 miles from here at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. It was in charge of Conductor William Hays and was made up of a sleeper, two coaches, a smoker and a baggage car. Just as the engine reached the switch it jumped the track and dashed into freight cars on a siding. Conductor Hays was on the platform of a car and was hurled headlong 50 feet against the rocks and instantly killed. John Hauke, a passenger hailing from Lewiston, Pa., was dug out of the iston, Pn., was dug out of the wreck with a broken leg and suf-fering internal injuries. He will die. His father was also badly condition. A card in his pocket bor the name John Bayle, Brooklyn, N. 1 C. N. Wenner, traveling passenger agent and William Elslinger, of West Feirview, Pa., were also severely hurt.

Bentin, May 16 .- An aged nurs named Myer, residing at Bockenhein suburb of Frankfort, has been arres charged with causing the death of fity-eight infants. The alleged crimes extend over a considerable length of time, and it is reported that several wealthy ladies of Frankfort are to be accused of compilety in the baby farm-or's criminal operations.

Pallure in Chicago Cmicase, May 16.—Denis Leahy & Co., wholesale dealers in woolen cloths at 165 Fifth avenue, have failed and the stock of merchandise is now in the hands of the shorts. The liabilities nd assets are estimated at \$100,000.

Haw Gullara, May 16.—Gen. J. R. orden, president of the United confederate, Voterane, has appointed a commission of minoteen, one of a commission of minoteen, one from each of the southern states, to present a memorial and pe-tition before the legislature of each

SAN ANTONIO. Tex., May 16.—Foon Chuck, a Chinaman, but a naturalised citizen of Mexico, has been arrested here. He entered the United States in violation of the exclusion set. Chuck is known throughout northern Mexico and is worth \$100,000. He is a contractor and owns an extensive ranch is Mexico. The Mexican government has been appealed to by the consul here.

SHOT BY A WOMAN.

Chicago Firm, Killed at Fort Worth. FORT WORTE, Tex., May 16.—A shootin which Harry C. Robinson, traveling man for Sears & Sons, cutlery dealers, of Chicago, was killed, and W. H. Coffman, who travels for the Lake Hardware Company, of this city, was seriously wounded. The following story of the affair is told by Mr. Coffman and his wife. For several weeks during Mr. Coffman's absence from home Robinson had been a source of great annoyance to Mrs. Coffman, but he had through fear kept the matter from her husband. Sunday morning she told her husband of Robinson's conduct and Mr. Coffman, ogether with his wife, went to the Russel reaidence, where Robinson lived, and sent for him come into the parlor, where Coffman demanded an apology from Robinson in the presence of the lady. Robinson refused to make an apology and the shooting commenced, Coffman re-ceiving four shots and Robin-Mrs. Coffman claims to have done the hooting. Coffman surrendered him The Coffman family has always stood well in the community, and Robinson was also highly respected. It is the general opinion that Coffman will not be indicted.

WORE A CALF'S SKIN. tisguise Under Which a Young Woman Was Killed While Robbing a Siulce

man, a miner of Sabe creek, has missed a great deal of same time every night to drink from the sluice bex. Sunday night he fired to the ground. Running up to the supposed animal, Dampman discovered that he had killed a young man who had been around the camp for some time, and a later investigation showed that the sup-

TO COLONIZE IN MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 18.-Ching Wun and Kong Foo, the former a wealthy Chinaman of San Francisco, and the latter of St. Louis, have been here for ses with President Diaz. The obect of their visit is to secure a c tion concession in the state of Tamauli pas for the purpose of removing almost the entire population of their country-men who now reside in the United States. They claim to represent a so-ciety of Chinese in the United States numbering several thousand, all of whom are pledged to leave that country on account of the exclusion act and seek new homes in Mexico.

CHICAGO, May 16 .- Jonathan Blanchard, president emeritus of Wheaton college, died at his home in Wheaton, Ill., Saturday. Jonathan Blanchard was born in Rockingham, Vt., January 19, 1811; graduated under Rev. Dr. Lyman her at the age of 21, and was pro eral agitator during his early life, later established the Herald and Presbyter and when he died was editor of the Christian Cynosure. In 1846 he was made president of Knox college at Galeaburg. Ill., and retained the position until 1860, when he came to Wheaton college, where he was president until 1882.

LEADVILLE, Col., May 18.—At the Penrose mine Saturday afternoon a steam feed pipe, located 325 feet under ground, burst, scalding Arthur W. Cra-Lytle's injuries are fatal.

The grand duke of Baden, the uncle of Emperor William, and the husband of the only sister of the late Emperor Frederick, has been dangerously ill at his palace in Carlaruhe. His death would esuse great regret not only in Baden, but also in all parts of Germany. He is one of the few remaining princes who took an active part in the recreation of Germany. He has gone to Munich repeatedly in the interests of the young emperor, and more these Munich repeatedly in the interests of the young emperor, and more' than once, it is said, has done great service to the Hohensollerss in southern Ger-many. His wise counsel has often been followed at Berlin. His heir, the hereditary grand duke, is obliged to live along the Riviera the greater part of the rear, owing to his week lunss.

The vagaries of South American justice are ably illustrated by a story that comes from the Panama Star and Herald. Two prisoners were implicated in a murder at Guarr. The Guayaquil court, being unable to fix the relative guilt of either, passed the following centence: "They shall draw lots, and the one favored by chance shall not be executed and shall have his sentence commuted to investigatement for life.

Pood for Balle Hunters.

trice and between the king of Italy and HOSTS OF MEN IDLE

A Great Lockout Inaugurated in New York

AFFECTING THE QUARRY MEN

Measures for Defense from Imported Non-Union Laborers.

NEW YORK, May 16. - The lockout of throwing from 20,000 to 30,000 men out of employment. At the same time a number of strikes were ordered in sympathy with the stone-cutters, and it is estimated that fully 50,000 men employed in the quarrying and stone building works are now out. The immediate effect in this city was to bring to a standatill all build-ing operations, with a menace of still more far-reaching effect. Many other trades will undoubtedly be influenced if the struggle is protracted. The men any they have the means to continue the contest indefinitely and believe that the urgency of contracts will compe

the employers to surrender.

Commissioner of Public Works Gil roy, spon whom the men rely to bring the employers to terms by insisting that the paving contracts now under way in which to bring about an understandin between the men and the employers. He declared that he could make no cal tion as to when the work would be re-sumed. Pickets of granite cutters will watch every boatload of stone that is brought to the city and in every case where it comes from the quarry the owner of which is a member of the Granite Manufacturers' association, workmen will be warned not to handle

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Owen Young, of Illiopolis, Ill., died Sunday from the effect of a kick by a

Fire at Newton, Kan., destroyed W. Pherson's livery stable and eleven The annual reunion and banquet of

the Thirteenth Illinois voluntee place at Dixon, Ill., May 24. Ex-Speaker Keifer annou self as a candidate for the congression al nomination in the Seventh Ohio dis

Harry Paul, a coal miner who earns one dollar a day at Wilkesbarre, Pa., is heir to \$50,000, left by his father in

In Egypt a band of dervishes made a descent upon Serra and massacred thirty-four natives who fell into their

The Illinois State Medical society meets in Vandalia May 17. The army and navy surgeons will meet there on

near Cynthians, Ky., were destroyed by fire, and five valuable horses perished It is said the wealthy cattlemen of

Wyoming are collecting another army of roughe to send against the rustlers The Mormon-Gentile wing of the democratic party in convention at Or-den elected two delegates to the demo-cratic national convention in Chicago. Some time since John Goodwin, of nacombia, killed a man named Steele. Friday T. W. Steele, a brother of the other, shot Goodwin, killing him in-

The territorial convention of the ple's party of Oklahoma was held at Guthrie and delegates were chosen to the national convention who favor

Capt. Findlay, commander of the ship that carried relief to famine-stric Russians, who was presented by the caar and exarins with a gold tea service has given the service to the company that owns the ship.

WOMEN DISTRUST MEN. Here Is One Who Had Her Deubts About

The utter lack of confidence tha voman has in man was illustrated in Penn avenue cable car the other day A lady boarded the car at Sixth street
"Let me off at Twenty-eighth
please," she said to the conductor.

From Sixth to Twelfth streets sh was engaged in getting scatted and pay-ing her fare. "Don't forget to let me off at Twenty-eighth, will you?" she said, as the conductor took her nickel. and he said be wouldn't. At Twentieth she collected her par

els and stared at the conductor mind him of his promise.

At Twenty-first she dropped a package which another passenger stepped on, then apologized.

At Twenty-second she looked out of

the window to see if the conductor called the right number.

At Twenty-third she moved to a seat nearer the door.

From Twenty-third to Twenty-fifth she was engaged in mentally criticising the spring sait of the lady opposite

At Twenty-sixth she nodded at the

got ready to leave the car.

As it stopped at Twenty-eighth street, adds the Pittsburgh Post, she stepped from the platform and with a sigh of relief exclaimed: "Those horrid conductors can't be trusted to remember any

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